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**NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**  
**APPLICATION FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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| <b>Inventor(s)/Applicant(s):</b>           | <b>Ruelle, Jean-Louis and<br/>Tomassen, Johannes Petrus Maria</b>   |
| <b>International Application No.:</b>      | <b>PCT/EP99/03603</b>   |
| <b>International Published Appln. No.:</b> | <b>WO 99/61620</b>  |
| <b>International Filing Date:</b>          | <b>26 May 1999</b>  |
| <b>Priority Filing Date:</b>               | <b>26 May 1998</b>  |
| <b>Thirty Month Date:</b>                  | <b>26 November 2000</b>   |
| <b>Title:</b>                              | <b>"NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS ANTIGENIC<br/>POLYPEPTIDES, CORRESPONDING<br/>POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND PROTECTIVE<br/>ANTIBODIES"</b> |

1. **THIS NEW APPLICATION IS A NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION UNDER PCT, CHAPTER II WITH A REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION WITHOUT DELAY TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US).**

☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371;

☐ This is a **SECOND** or subsequent submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

2. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).

3. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19<sup>TH</sup> month from the earliest claimed priority date.

4. Enclosed items are required for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) and § 1.494(b) or § 1.495(b):

- ☒ One copy of International Publication **WO 99/61620**
- (a) ☒ is transmitted herewith (**required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau**)
- (b) ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau
- (c) ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)

**Fees**

☒ The basic national fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.482 - International Preliminary Examination Fee not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO - **\$860.00**

- ☒ Claims in Excess of 20 (20 @ \$18.00)
- ☒ Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (4 @ \$80.00)

5. Further enclosed are:

- ☒ One copy of International Preliminary Examination Report.
- ☒ One copy of International Search Report.
- ☐ One copy of Written Opinion.
- ☐ One copy of PCT Request as filed.
- ☐ One copy of Chapter II Demand as filed.

6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))

7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3))

8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3))

9. Still additional papers enclosed:

- ☐ Assignment with Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet
- ☐ Verification Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- ☐ Declaration or oath is enclosed executed by the inventor
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98
- ☒ Return Acknowledgment Postcard
- ☒ Other:  
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**Preliminary Amendment**

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- ☒ Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith  
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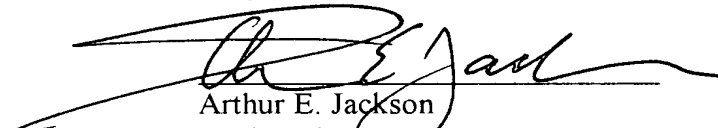
10. Fee payment being made at this time is enclosed:

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| * Basic filing fee (\$860.00)     | 860.00           |
| * Claims in Excess of 20          | 360.00           |
| * (20 @ \$18.00)                  |                  |
| Independent Claims in Excess of 3 | 320.00           |
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11. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0258. This letter is filed in duplicate for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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